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NOTICE OF MEETING**WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD**

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1/State Capitol, Room 113
Sacramento, California 95814

FINAL AGENDA ITEMS

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* Proposed Consent Calendar

1/ These facilities are accessible to persons with disabilities

- *7. Upper Newport Bay Ecological Reserve, Shellmaker Island \$69,000.00 11
Wetland Restoration, Orange County

To consider the allocation of a grant to the California Wildlife Foundation for a cooperative project with the Department of Fish and Game to restore a former salt marsh area about ¼ acre in size, located on Shellmaker Island at the Upper Newport Bay Ecological Reserve in Orange County. The reserve is located just west of Back Bay Drive, north of the Pacific Coast Highway, within the City of Newport Beach. [Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Fund of 2002 (Prop. 50), Section 79572 (a)]

- *8. Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve, Public Access Bridge, \$141,900.00 12
Orange County

To consider the allocation of a grant to the California Wildlife Foundation for a cooperative project with the Department of Fish and Game to install a public access bridge near Warner Avenue, across the outer channel of the existing Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve, which lies on the Pacific Coast Highway 1, southeast of the City of Seal Beach. [Wildlife Restoration Fund and Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Fund of 2002 (Prop. 50), Section 79572(a)]

- *9. Morro Bay Dunes, Expansion 1, San Luis Obispo County \$175,000.00 14

To consider the allocation of a grant to the Trust for Public Land for a cooperative project with the Department of Parks and Recreation to assist in the acquisition of 10± acres located in the town of Los Osos, adjacent to the Morro Bay State Park for protection of coastal wetland habitat for threatened and endangered species, and to consider the acceptance of a Recovery Land Acquisition Grant from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the approval of an Agreement to Subgrant the federal funds to be applied toward the acquisition. The Trust for Public Land will subsequently transfer this property to the Department of Parks and Recreation. [Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Fund of 2002 (Prop. 50), Section 79565]

- *10. San Joaquin River Parkway, Lewis S. Eaton Trail, River Center Extension, Fresno County \$59,000.00 16
- To consider a cooperative project with the San Joaquin River Parkway and Conservation Trust and the San Joaquin River Conservancy to construct a 1,600± linear foot extension of the existing Lewis S. Eaton Trail, south of the San Joaquin River, from its northern terminus to the Coke Hallowell Center for River Studies northeast of the City Fresno. [Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water, Clean Air and Coastal Protection Bond Fund (Prop. 12), Section 5096.355]
- *11. San Joaquin River Parkway, Willow Lodge Improvements, Fresno County \$265,000.00 18
- To consider a cooperative project with the San Joaquin River Parkway and Conservation Trust, the San Joaquin River Conservancy and the Department of Fish and Game (DFG) to repair and convert a former single family home to a multi-use facility for meetings, public outreach, interpretive programs and educational purposes at the DFG's Willow Unit of the San Joaquin River Ecological Reserve northeast of the City of Fresno. [Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water, Clean Air and Coastal Protection Bond Fund (Prop. 12), Section 5096.355]
- *12. Volta Wildlife Area, Expansion 2, Merced County \$220,000.00 19
- To consider the acquisition of 120± acres of privately-owned land located approximately 12 miles northwest of the City of Los Banos as an addition to the Volta Wildlife Area in Merced County for the purposes of protecting Central Valley wetlands and grasslands. [Habitat Conservation Fund, Section 2786(d) IWCP]
- *13. Wetland Habitat Restoration, Frog Pond, Merced County \$85,000.00 21
- To consider an allocation of a grant to the California Waterfowl Association for a cooperative project with the landowner and the Department of Fish and Game, to enhance 190± acres of seasonal and semi-permanent wetlands on privately-owned property, located approximately 10 air miles southeasterly of the City of Los Banos. [Habitat Conservation Fund, Section 2786(d) IWCP]

- *14. San Bruno Mountain – Shellmound, San Mateo County \$5,000.00 22
- To consider the acceptance of a Section 6 Grant from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in the amount of \$860,000.00, and request approval to re-grant those funds to the Trust for Public Land for the acquisition of 26± acres on San Bruno Mountain in San Mateo County. Other partners contributing toward this acquisition include the California Department of Transportation, San Francisco Foundation and the Ohlone Indian Tribe. This acquisition is for the protection of threatened and endangered species habitat. [Habitat Conservation Fund, Section 2786 (b/c)]
- *15. Wetland Habitat Restoration, Holmestead Farms, Yuba County \$34,000.00 24
- To consider an allocation of a grant to the California Waterfowl Association for a cooperative project with the U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service, the landowner and the Department of Fish and Game to restore and enhance 65± acres of wetlands and 54± acres of vernal pool/upland grassland wildlife habitat on privately-owned property, located approximately 8 air miles northerly of the City of Marysville. [Inland Wetlands Conservation Fund]
- *16. Lake Earl Wildlife Area, Expansions 32 & 33, Del Norte County \$20,000.00 26
- To consider the acquisition of 13± acres of privately-owned land located approximately 5.5 miles north of downtown Crescent City as an addition to the State's Lake Earl Wildlife Area for the protection of wetland habitat. This proposal is also to consider the acceptance of a Grant from the State Coastal Conservancy providing approximately \$347,000.00 to be applied toward this acquisition. [Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Fund of 2002 (Prop. 50), Section 79565]
17. San Dieguito River Valley Corridor, Phase II, San Diego County \$1,295,000.00 28
- To consider the allocation of a grant to the San Dieguito River Park Joint Powers Authority for a cooperative project with the State Coastal Conservancy and the Trust for Public Land to assist with the Joint Power Authority's acquisition of 73± acres located in the San Dieguito River Valley in the City of San Diego to provide a significant linkage within the San Dieguito River Park system and for the preservation and restoration of native grasslands and riparian habitat to support the rare and sensitive species of the San Dieguito River Valley. [Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Fund of 2002 (Prop. 50), Section 79572 (a)]

18. Sky Valley Ecological Reserve, Riverside County \$5,125,000.00 30

To consider the allocation of a grant to The Nature Conservancy for a cooperative project with the Coachella Valley Mountains Conservancy, California Department of Parks and Recreation, Coachella Valley Associated Governments, Friends of the Desert Mountains, the Department of Fish and Game and the Board to acquire 8,881± acres of land located northeasterly of the community of Thousand Palms and northerly of the city of Palm Desert in Riverside County, to preserve desert habitat and to maintain the viability of the habitat for the Coachella Valley Ecological Reserve. [Habitat Conservation Fund, Section 2786 (b/c) and California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Fund (Prop. 40), Section 5096.650]

19. San Joaquin River Parkway, Friant Cove Public Access, Fresno County \$351,000.00 32

To consider a cooperative project with the San Joaquin River Conservancy, Caltrans, and the Department of Boating and Waterways to construct a car-top boat launch, parking area, restroom and barrier-free pedestrian paths at the Conservancy's Friant Cove Public Access adjacent to the San Joaquin River near the community of Friant. [Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water, Clean Air and Coastal Protection Bond Fund (Prop. 12), Section 5096.355]

20. San Joaquin River Riparian Habitat, Expansion 12, Madera County \$6,635,000.00 34

To consider the acquisition of, and subsequent transfer to the San Joaquin River Conservancy of 346± acres of land, located on the north side of the San Joaquin River westerly of State Highway 41 for the purposes of protecting riparian habitat and to provide public recreational opportunities associated with the San Joaquin River Parkway. [Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water, Clean Air and Coastal Protection Bond Fund (Prop. 12), Section 5096.355 and River Protection Sub-account (Prop. 13) SJRC]

21. Riparian Habitat Restoration, American River Parkway, \$382,000.00 36
Phase II, Sacramento County

To consider the allocation of a grant to the County of Sacramento, Department of Regional Parks, Recreation and Open Space, for a cooperative project with the County and the Department of Fish and Game, to remove nonnative invasive plants and to restore native riparian and upland vegetation on both sides of the American River within the American River Parkway between Nimbus Dam and the confluence with the Sacramento River. [Habitat Conservation Fund, Section 2786 (e/f)]

22. Riparian Habitat Restoration, Bobcat to Blue Oak Ranches, \$542,500.00 38
Yolo County

To consider the allocation of a grant to National Audubon Society, Inc., for a cooperative project with the landowners and the Department of Fish and Game, to restore 120± acres of riparian, wetland and upland habitats located on privately-owned property near the City of Winters. [Habitat Conservation Fund, Section 2786 (e/f)]

23. Willow Creek, Sonoma County \$4,250,000.00 41

To consider a cooperative project with the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR), State Coastal Conservancy, Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District (Open Space District), the Trust for Public Land, the Department of Fish and Game, and the Board for the acquisition of fee title by the DPR of 3,373± acres and a conservation easement by the Open Space District over 515± acres of land just south of the town of Duncan Mills in southwestern Sonoma County, for the purposes of protecting two significant watersheds, habitat for endangered steelhead trout and coho salmon and providing additional public access in the area. [Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Fund of 2002 (Prop. 50), Section 79565]

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